IN THE FIELDS OF LABOR

THE APPRENTICESHIP QUESTION ONE OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST.

Many Labor Unions Seek to Reduce the Number - Local and General News.

One of the biggest questions confronting the laboring men of to-day is that of the apprentice. There is scarcely any trade in which its followers do not complain that is overdone. The introduction of manecessity for skilled mechanics in almost | plano and organ, but mechanical devices every craft. The machine unseating the | whereby harmonies were sounded by untradesman on one hand and the apprentice becoming proficient in his trade on the the house some secret connection with the other has swelled the ranks of skilled lathe demand. The solution of this perplex- into the reception room. Clocks of every ing problem has been before the labor leaders of the country for several years, the house seemed in some way to be conand trades unions have taken up the mat-

adopted limiting the number of apprentices. Gradually the limitations narrowed until now some unions seek to abolish the apprenticeship system entirely for a numwhere they are needed. The plumbers, perhaps, have been more radical on the apprenticeship system than any other labor | and quietly sank into its depths. organization. They have decided in many additional ten journeymen printers. The Iron Molders' Union allows but one apprentice to every eight men. Other trades | New York Evening Post. average about the same as these organiza-

national convention of any trades organization in the last few years in which the lengthy discussion or was treated by reducing the number. The principal barrier now in controlling the apprentice is the nonunion shop, where amateur workmen are turned out as journeymen in less than half the time prescribed by union rules. They then go to cities where union wages are paid and the unions are obliged to take them in to prevent a harmful competition Most organizations in the large cities have been successful in organizing practically all of the skilled trades, but from the smaller places, where there are no unions, come the menacing apprentice with a halfof it to be able to hold a position.

Sixty per cent. of the employes of the he said. railways of New Zealand work in shifts of eight hours a day.

The Retail Clerks' Union of Blcomington, Ill., has compelled pawn brokers to close their places on Sunday. The State of Washington has a law pro-

enger than ten hours a day.

hibiting the employment of female clerks

- The Linted Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America has a membership of 89,000, represented by 913 locals.

The Daily Press, an eight to twelve-page publication in Cripple Creek, Col., is owned entirely by organized workingmen.

An injunction issued against members of the Machinists' Union at Memphis prevents them from climbing telegraph poles.

Cartoonists of Chicago, numbering 2,000, talk of organizing a union and applying

to the American Federation of Labor for

The union laundry workers of the country have adopted a plan of starting a cooperative laundry where adjustments can-

not be effected with their employers. The union tailors of London created a sensation by showing that the clothes worn by the elite were made in a district infected with smallpox and other loathsome

The Supreme Court of New York denied a petition to enjoin the United Garment Workers from distributing circulars to a firm's customers, requesting such persons

The coal miners of Cardiff, Wales, recently decided to strike on Fridays and Saturdays in order to reduce the production and thus maintain their wages, which

to not deal with the plaintiffs.

are based on a sliding scale and controlled by the market price of coal. Marseilles, Lille and Roubaix, France, have a commissary department in connection with their public schools. A free meal, with meat, is given to the children between

the morning and afternoon sessions each day, and twice a year shoes and clothing French labor unions are making a great

stride toward consolidation in the erection of a palace for labor in Paris. The building is being erected mainly with funds collected by labor organizations, but the city and state have given assistance. The funds are now becoming exhausted, with the building partially completed, and the government will be petitioned to appropriate an additional \$50,000 to complete it. So anxious are the laboring men to have the building finished that they are donating

The blue label pasted on boxes of unicymade cigars was not originally designed by the Cigar Makers' Union. Several years ago the cigar makers along the Pacific coast adopted it to distinguish their make from that of the Chinese. The public came to recognize the label as a safeguard against disease, as it was evidence that the cigars were not manufactured in Chinese quarters. The union cigar makers over the country learned of the beneficent results of the use of the label and finally adopted it at an international convention. Now it is recognized in all parts of the country as the trademark of the union.

There has been considerable agitation of late in labor organizations over the action of the Postal Department refusing to pass certain labor and Socialist publications through the mails as second-class matter. It is necessary that publications, to be recognized as second-class mail matter, shall have a bona fide subscription list. It was shown that a number of these publications did not have a recognized subscription circulation, many publishers sending their papers in bundles to local unions where they were broken and distributed among the members. In these cases the union was the subscriber and paid a stipulated amount for so many papers. Several papers suspended publication on account of the action of the Postal Department, while others affected changed their system and established a bona fide subscription list.

The labor organizations of the country, and especially the stone cutters, are trying to secure the pardon of Louis Crawford, of Douglas, Wyo., who is now serving time in the federal prison at Alcatraz island, Cai. Crawford joined the Stone Cutters' Union and paid his dues several years in advance, going to Denver for that purpose. Later, he enlisted in the army at Cheyenne, Wyo. Crawford's regiment was sent to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, by General I

Merriam, when the trouble broke out there in the mines. Crawford was placed on guard duty. His zeal as a unionist overcame his ardor as a soldier, and he was arrested, charged with allowing communications to pass the lines and giving comfort to the strikers in the "bull pen." He was tried by court-martial and sentenced to thirteen years in the federal prison. His sentence was afterward cut down to six years, but it is doubtful if he will live out

THE "FAD'S" REVENGE.

Extraordinary Incident at the Funeral of a Brooklyn Man.

New York Tribune.

Mr. Black, a wealthy Brooklynite, last the one consuming fad of his existence was for musical instruments-not the ordinary door started the flattering strains of "Hall boring men until the supply is exceeding which the astonished guest was ushered sort sounded fitting music to the passing hours; in short, every piece of furniture in nected with a hidden orchestra.

Mr. Black's death was untimely; a handter in nearly every branch. The movement organ, with a new and wonderful combinanow is to reduce the number of appren- | tion of every orchestral instrument that blares, suddenly began a concert in front of his house. In his eagerness to examine When the apprentice began to be con- this new musical marvel Mr. Black tripped sidered by the trades unions a system was | and fell down the long staircase, and his life paid the penalty of this final pursuit of

Before the funeral extreme care was taken to silence all the harmonies of the house. For two days the servants labored diligently, disconnecting wires and removber of years until there is a greater de- ing offending furniture. At last they rested man for their particular trade, or the num- from their labors, and the last sad hour arrived. The exercises were conducted in the house, and as the minister was conclud they can no longer fill all of the places | ing his panegyric on the departed a belated mourner entered and was shown to the one empty seat, a chair in an obscure corner.

Instantly there pealed forth a loud chord, and then, without interruption, there came cities to eliminate the apprenticeship sys- forth the loud, strident notes of "There'll tem entirely for a number of years. They | Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night.' have been successful in establishing this All efforts to silence the music were futile. rule in several places, but in Indianapolis, were plainly audible for blocks the music with its penalty of imprisonment far worse about a year ago, they failed after strik- | continued, and not until the last strain had | than death. This fact was clear to us when ing. The Typographical Union allows two died away was the minister able to con- we visited the public buildings in several slude his remarks

A Chinese Loafer.

So singularly unexpected and rare is the ight of a Chinese loafing and inviting his soul on a bench in any of the public parks that a dissolute-looking Mongolian who felt. So we hastened to be charitable to the sat in City Hall Park one of the more or less balmy afternoons in the early part of vitation to the palace. Fortunately, the the week attracted attention. The impas-sivity of the Oriental enveloped him like a entire journey ranked as caid, or chief. garment. He smoked a cigarette languidly. Had he been an American sitting in his club, one would say he was ennuye. Shuff-ling along the sidewalk he would have caused comment, because of the disreputable billycock hat he wore. No one ever saw a Chinese in this country who did not and a consequent cut in their wage scale. | wear a soft black felt hat with a perfectly round flat top. While this unique young Oriental sat lazily on the bench and smoked, nearly all of the busy men who scurried through the park to catch bridge come the menacing apprentice with a half-learned trade, but with enough knowledge ings along Park row turned to have a second look at the unusual figure. Many of them made comments. Some said: "What Three union butchers of New York city | do you think of that? I never saw a Chinaman loafing before." A messenger boy who came along whistling stopped dead in his tracks. "Gee! dere's a Chink on de bum,"

HELPING THE BLIND.



1. Lady-Poor, blind man; I'll give him this.



2. Organist-Here, dis is a counterfeit!



3. Lady-So, you're a fraud, and can see! Your sign says you are blind.



4. Organist-Oh, no. It's de dog that's

DAY IN A MOORISH HAREM

VANISHING OF POETIC GLAMOUR BE-FORE A VISION OF THE REAL.

An American Impressed by the Formlessness and Ugliness of the Women of Morocco.

The solemn exercises at the funeral of | Tangler Letter in New York Evening Post. Those beauties of the Orient who, in poetic legend, pass before us glittering in fairy-like garments, vanish abruptly at the approach of actual Moslem women. At the present day the city streets in Morocco are crowded with ugly creatures from the harems, who are enveloped to the eyes in sackcloth and coarse cotton. They seem deformed and hunchbacked with bables and bundles strapped between their shoulwho hobble by, a corner of their rags caught in their mouths. They congregate in the sokos, or market places, where they appear as devoid of form or individuality as so many haystacks. They all wear the same kind of huge sunbonnet, which is so broad that the brim has to be suspended from the crown by cords radiating like the cles of shadow cast by these hats are almost the only dark spots on the dazzling measured out and glistening fish weighed. Even on market days, during the sharpest bargainings, the face veil is not removed. We decided that it is affected to show off their blackened eyelids and hide their other

while to try to beautify. If their great eyes are expressionless it must be remembered that they have only the dark side of life on which to gaze, These women are debarred from all cheering enlightenment or elevated action; but they are spared no imputation of flagrant vice. Furthermore, their natural protectors In notes that drowned the minister and | do not shield them from exposure to crime towns, where the women were strictly excluded from the mosques, but thrown into prison for the smallest as well as the worst

features, which it would not be worth

We had ridden forty miles on muleback from Tangier to Tetuan to visit several harems and study the condition of those prisons in which so much interest is now convicts, hoping to be rewarded by an in-He therefore had entree to the Pasha, and we were enabled to fellow the custom of feeding the prisoners-a requital of his hospitality which is expected-instead of giving bakshish when inside the harem. Without delay we ordered twenty-five loaves of black bread to be brought to us, where we waited near that dread prison threshold. At that time there were nearly three hundred men and women confined in that pestiferous hole for divers accusations, murder in particular. In spite of the bribery which the corrupt guards are prone to ac cept, an ex-minister of the Sultan was gnashing his teeth by the side of the basest thief. As neither food nor even water is supplied to the prisoners, many starve if

their friends prove neglectful. NO SECRETS IN PRISON HOUSE. Loaded down with the bread that arrived hot from the oven in wheelbarrows, and at first unable to see in the dark after passing from the light outside, we entered the guardroom. Lurking in the corners and suspended from the beams in the shadows of torture, like those in a Spanish fortress, them from gathering rust or cobwebs. Kicking away a stack of long taper-barreled guns, the guards pulled out a divan with moldy rugs thrown over it, to bring me on a level with the aperture which looked into the common dungeon. This cavernous inclosure was alive with human forms and vermin, and gave forth an overpowering stench. In der to receive the loaves, broken in halves, which I squeezed through the grating, the wretches dragged themselves up in their clanking chains, as fast as their feet-irons would allow. These impediments were made of a single iron bar with the ends curved round and chafing both ankles. Scenting food and stretching up their arms to snatch it, these beings, with their ashy, sunken faces, seemed to peer at me from the lower world. From "the shades of the prison house" we at length passed out into the glaring sunshine, to hear a case tried by a court composed of a body of keen-eyed patriarchs, who were seated at one side of the

arrest was led away to imprisonment just as our invitation came to visit the Pasha in his palace across the street. The principal gate in the high wall of the Tetuan Palace was swung open, and | came to a table too often, we were ushered through the court, where every week the state escort forms for a Arable into Spanish, which our courier put

absurd little box desk. His form, his smile, very ample; in fact, he appeared affable aware of the reform that is taking place. enough, as he thrust his fingers in and out of the holes in his socks, which his two dozen wives were too busy doing nothing | cede even the most ordinary dinner. to mend. He soon summoned a tattooed slave, whom I followed through a winding ange trees and flowering shrubs were are common. watered by a fountain built of decorative

figured tiles. The women, in glittering, gauzy robes, passed round and about the colonnades. They soon drew nearer and hovered about me in a changing group, as if they were thistle. With an exaggerated motion of ward to shake hands with me. Some extended the left arm to show off to better advantage their tawdry rings and bracehenna. Several of the younger wives, probably not more than fourteen years old. were really handsome, with olive complexbrows they bound a ribbon to hold a sil-

The degree of fatness these ladies attain is a mark of beauty and brings favor. In many old-fashioned people who had esorder to increase the effect of obesity new | sayed it in combination with ice cream. dresses are put on over old ones. The waist | Since that time the lobster has become is girdled with a broad belt, stiff with em- | so immensely popular as a food that it is broidery. The finishing touch, which de- threatened with extinction, terminates the taste of the wearer, is a figured stuff draped from the back over the this offers a field for choice that is marfront by enormous brooches. This leaves or even in St. Petersburg, the paradise of the neck and chest bare, to be adorned in | the epicure, will you find any such array of | tribe, and being unable to decide the matter

THE MERRY WIVES OF TETUAN. When the general review was over a shrewd-looking, pock-marked woman drew superior oysters on the market now, for missioner, asking his opinion on the subme down beside her. Not to be left out, the truth is the so-called blue point is the other wives proceeded to discover how my collar and belt came off, and what sort lent Cape Cod and Buzzard's bay oysters, of fancy work stitch kept on my boots, and there are Lundhavens to vary in the The several articles in my pocket puzzled inevitable mock blue point. Only at the apply for this information, them much. I feared at one moment lest there any real blue points to be had at all, executive officer of the commission and not they would try to rub off the blue of my and not always at those places. eyes; they appropriated my shell pins and called on me to explain why my hair hap- continue to carry it irrespective of its edge of the ways of these denizens of the pened to be blonde. One of them, over- flavor or lack of it. You may not be able | water. He had hauled in many black bass proud with an ancient watch made of brass, to detect the blue point that is bogus, from the Potomac river near his home in thought I was not worth treating as a per-son of property after she had pulled off when you taste it. my gloves as if she were skinning me and | "Soups we have improved in, and why? | which he has supervision. found no rings. Then she inspected my hat, Because a firm of French soup makers and, suddenly pulling it off, placed it upon sent us a tinned soup that was so far the her head and thrust the pins wildly through | superior of all the soups served here that her knotted headdress. The effect of my | we began to learn what soup really was. stiff hat with its spreading plumes on her own graceful drapery was so ridiculous crep in upon us in this line. Now you can that she shricked with laughter, and I get good green turtle soup and excellent found myself promoted to high favor. In bisques at hotels in place of the old washy this guise she marched me, hand in hand | Juliennes and the consommes made from with her, all over the palace. She could beef extract and hot water. not maintain her dignity when she saw the other women looking at my hat reversed are still far back of the French and ceived careful consideration from the exon the back of her head; so she had to call Italian, yes, even the English, but for all a halt and explode again with merriment. that we have learned and we are grate-My own participation in the hilarity pleased | ful.

there was an oven looking like a prehistoric mud-house, they let me taste a dish composed of flour and fatty substances, prepared for the noonday meal. Black slaves and old wives, tattered and scantily clothed, squatted in a circle on the pavement, stirring the contents of a huge bowl with their shrivelled hands, like witches around

THE PASHA'S ANNUAL BRIDE. The Pasha has married each year, which accounts for these aged wives, badly preserved and virtually discarded. Their jealousy toward the new brides is the only excitement which keeps the harem alive and gossiping-except when it eventuates in tragedy, which is by no means infrequent, according to the resident French physi-

The harem seemed poverty-stricken. It was almost devoid of reclining cushions. In the upper story there are many winding corridors, but no decently furnished rooms. The pigeon-hole windows were carefully screened from the possible curiosity of outsiders. The suites of forlorn little cells were quickly seen, and we went downstairs to the state bedchamber. This room had little beside a divan at each end, and a laceand bundles strapped between their shoul-ders, and among them are toothless hags doorway. As the only light in these Oriental boudoirs comes from the court, the closing of the doors causes pitch darkness. In my tour through the convent-like establishment I saw very few children. These wore small ornaments, usually coins, as mulets to keep away the "evil eye." These charms are held in place on the forehead by braids of hair. Clad in dingy frocks, the youngsters pattered over the tiles on their tiny, red-stained feet, singing to the birds overhead. The chief heir was a puny spokes of a parti-colored wheel. The cir- and dirty brat, whom, nevertheless, I carried in my arms as a shield against the too personal farewells of his elders, and also converted into an excuse for beating pavement, where white grain is being a hasty retreat from that noisy crowd of "Merry Wives of Tetuan." I bore him outside to his father, whose countenance beamed at sight of the apple of his eye. During my absence the potentate had been asking my father many intelligent quesions about the work of a college professor. Perchance an ancestor was among those who, in founding the University of Cordova, created a center of learning for civilized Europe and Asia. Our host wondered why his guest's chil-

dren were not married, saying: "The Moorsh women make a business of finding wives for their sons, while the girls sometimes send out to the coast on their own responsibility to buy husbands." Then, drawing the interview to a graceful close, he wrote and carefully sanded his autograph and dismissed us with elaborate

ORDERING A DINNER.

Few Americans Understand the Art, a Waiter Says.

"Very few people really know how to order a dinner," said a head waiter who has he selects for the patrons of the fashion-"And, then, how many there are who, not knowing what to choose, will neglect to get the advice of the waiter, who knows exactly what the kitchen holds that is especially good on that particular occasion.

"The gastronomic education of the American is still sadly at fault in many particulars. But the man who orders without consulting the head waiter is quite sure to come to grief.

"The head waiter has to assimilate all the perception of the gourmet with the conservatism of the artist. And as a rule the Americans who have become famous for knowing what to eat have learned it from

"They have been chided gently at the club for their overfondness for steak and gradually they have been rescued from the blindness of steak eating to a comprehension of better things. Once you wean a man from the hide-bound tradition that steak is the one thing that man can live by you can hope to get him out of the abysmal error of fancying turkey an epicurean dish. "But the American knows his beefsteak and he knows his turkey. He swears by it and if you venture to suggest the superiority of the wild turkey to this other tame monstrosity he looks at you with troubled

"He understands turkey as he has grown to know and to love it. He never realizes its absurdity-its absolute grotesqueness. perception of an Irishman to see the humor of the turkey as a food when he declared 'It is a quare burrd. Too much for one and not enough for two.' "Of course, I know it sounds like a sacrilege to attack the turkey, but it is over-

rated, spectacular, rather than of real epicurean value. Children like it, and as they grow up it remains a sort of childhood ideal, that they try to warm into life at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

thoroughfare. The young offender under of attendant dishes on these occasions, stuffed with oysters or chestnuts and you lude between terrapin and game. worship it as though it were a morsel rare "When you consider how America has advanced in art within the last ten or fif-

dress parade. Beyond the farthest arch, teen years does it not seem odd that more under a portico of lace-like arabesques, the advance is not made in gastronomic mat-Pasha arose on his knees to shake hands | ters? Take the furnishing and house decwith us, then sank down cross-legged on a oration of twenty years ago and contrast sumptuous indigo rug. There happened to the artistic drawing room of the present be a wealthy Jew transacting business with the hideous parlor of the past, with mind, is quite as incongruous as serving a with him, who kindly interpreted the its glaring wall paper, its stove, its bril- small delicate bird like quail as a game liant carpet and plush furniture which was | course after a tremendous turkey. into English. The Pasha's secretary sat | worse than the horse-hair chairs and sofas |

THE POTENTATE WITH HOLES IN The country is also bound to advance in the cuisine and it has progressed, but HIS SOCKS.

The potential the fact of puddings, thank the latest the The potentate himself held in his lap an | some subtle influence would have to be | barbarism. brought to bear to get the great mass of "Take the time when oysters were con- and soups must not repeat themselves. sidered a dainty, the only proper accom-paniment of champagne. Now they pre-

"You never find oyster stews or oyster fries at church bazars nowadays, when | cigar, to one wine. in old times they were the feature. Oyster passage into a large patio, or court, a houses were opened everywhere, oyster spacious area flooded with light. The or- saloons were at every corner. Now oysters is gone out of season. He will immediately

favor about the time that oysters were at their zenith of popularity. But the taste | sent as a substitute for it. for them came gradually. Their price on menus and in markets remained high. butterflies attracted by some strange stood and appreciated. They are not are now at their very best and will concooked as they deserve to be here in the tinue through the winter, the first of the their hips in walking, they shambled for- North, but they are served by the hundred | year will see lamb and shad and peas, pota-

each day during their season. which the most progress has been made. lets, also their fingernails, stained with red | Salads were years in gaining recognition, that is, the green salads. "You would be surprised to know the

number of American homes where a green ions and deep, dusky eyes. Across their salad is never served. They are yet regarded as a frivolity. The Frenchman and ver charm, and just below that was a blue | the Italian know the value to the dinner tattoo-mark, with another like it on the and to the diner of a salad dressed in oil. "There used to be a prejudice against the lobster. It was considered dangerous by "The present time of year in a city like shoulders, to be clasped on both sides in velous. Not in London, in Paris, in Vienna

> "The oyster has come to be the usual preface to every dinner, but the blue point s too generally ordered. There are other really a small oyster chosen for its size. clubs and the very best restaurants are Mr. Bowers, it was explained, being the

"This was the method in which education

"As soup makers and appreciaters we

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cyster crab when in the propinquity of a good cook. At other times the shad and the soft shell crab, the bluefish and other brother scientist to the fact that fish had sea food offer their timely freshness, but no eyelids consequently it was impossible It never grates on him. It took the keen just now the terrapin and the oyster crab for them to conceal their organ of sight. are at their best and should not be passed | This seemed to explode the theory of

"In another month when the cold weather | tists acknowledged their inability to answer becomes settled and the ice forms in the the question off-hand, but asserted that river, the live codfish will offer another a careful study would be made of the matwelcome sea dainty, esteemed by many as ter. They were confident that a correct superior in flavor to anything that ever solution would result. came from the water. "Game is delightfully abundant now.

The canvasback duck and the smaller varieties are plenty; partridge, woodcock and "The turkey is surrounded with a halo quail are fat and well flavored. To my mind, it is a mistake to have any inter-"A heavy roast, or a dish of any decided as pheasants' tongue, when in reality it is flavor, mars the selection. Oysters, soup, the crudest bird in its tame state that ever | terrapin and duck or small birds make a sufficient dinner for any one but a day laborer. Salad, cheese, coffee and a sweet

n.ay complete the meal. "If an entree is desired, there are fine fresh mushrooms broiled or in patties, There are innumerable dishes to select

"The sweet is getting lighter and there are no more hot puddings, thank the fates! | tation of swallowing the bait offered them "But there are a few rules that may al-

people into the primrose ways of choosing | ways be observed. Oysters may precede | sleep without dropping the eyelids. And and his pink and white silk robes were all aright and dining properly without being anything, and game should follow terrapin without any serious course between. Sauces "Variety is the secret of choosing dinners properly. Unfortunately, we become addicted to one corner of the club dining room, to one table, to one waiter, to one 'Sometimes a man will take it as an af-

front if he be told that his favorite dish have it sent on from the South or the "Quails and small birds began to gain North, or wherever it may be obtainable, instead of taking the other foods that are "This is a mistake. The markets here

offer constant variety. Things are always "Now they are plenty, they are under- coming in, and while terrapin and game toes, asparagus and strawberries from the "Salads and sauces are the two items in | South, and will furnish the midwinter novelty now possible in New York, a spring dinner in January."

> DO FISH INDULGE IN SLEEP? A Question Sprung on Uncle Sam's

Washington Letter in New York Sun. Do fish sleep? This question has been puzzling the experts at the United States Fish Commission for the past week, and some of them are not yet absolutely certain whether fish indulge in slumber or are sufferers from insomnia. Several amateur anglers had a discussion

Fish Experts.

in the lobby of an uptown hotel the other day on this phase of the life of the finny their turn by numerous necklaces, many things to be selected from and in such to their satisfaction they made an appeal times twisted.

> George M. Bowers, United States fish comject. Mr. Bowers was absent from his desk and the messenger was referred to "It is good enough, but there are excel- the various scientists who have made fish culture a study with the statement that they were the proper officials to whom to

a close student of the habits and customs "But the name of the blue point will of fish, was naturally limited in his knowl-West Virginia, but was not an expert on the life of the many varieties of fish over When the question was placed before the

long, painful pause, and hurried questioning glances were exchanged between them. After a great deal of hesitation a discussion was started, at the end of which these wise men were no nearer an answer to the question than the propounders of it. Whether fish indulge in peaceful slumber the same as human beings and terrestrial animals, was a problem that had not reperts. Several opinions were expressed and theories advanced, but arguments

failed to prove them. them so much on this triumphal parade "At this time of the year in town, no one One of the learned men, upon the impulse that they stroked me affectionately, as if should neglect to have terrapin or the of the moment, declared that fish did not

the first learned man. Finally the scien-Before a practical test was made, an

absent member of the commission's stat returned from a business trip and rescued the experts from the difficulty. He declared that fish slept and forthwith presented his argument. He said that the first thing to consider was the meaning of the word "sleep." That had to be definitely determined. notion was that in all living creatures there

proper rest sleep was indispensable. Fish were active and for a great part of their lives were moving about, which required a certain amount of rest from physical exertion. As regards mental re pose, this expert was not in a position to express a decided opinion. If there was any mental exhaustion

ily, which necessitated rest and to secure

among the finny tribe he said it might be confined to their efforts to resist the temp-

In support of this position he argued that human beings have been known to among animals it was not an uncommon occurrence for them to sleep with eyes Continuing, the expert said that he had

observed fish in an aquarium which gave every evidence that they were indulging in sleep. They would remain for a long time at the bottom of a tank, resting in an upright position upon their tails, which, while not a comfortable attitude, was not unlike that of certain human beings at times. In other forms of repose fish lay on their sides and also rested their bodies upon moss and shrubbery in the tank. The habits of catfish, bullhead and sunfish were mentioned as another illustration of sleeping fish. During the winter season these species go to the bottom of the water and flounder about until they become encased in mud and there remain during the cold period. This was certainly sleep indulged in by them and it was natural inference that other specimens of fish were compelled to obtain rest in the nature of sleep. This was the general conclusion reached.

said the scientist, by ichthyologists who had given this phase of fish life a careful study.

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Cleveland Plain Dealer. The king smiled. When the king smiles the courtiers look pleasant. "Well," he said, "there's one royal official whose presence we can dispense with at the coronation. "Kindly name him, your Majesty," said the commandant of the Beefeaters. "It is the grand weather prognosticator," replied the monarch, and his smile deep-

"And why will he be omitted?" inquired the royal mace bearer. "Because," said the king, as he gave them the merry ha ha, "because the crown is the only Old Probabilities that we need. Just as soon as it goes on it indicates the beginning of a lively reign! Then they all laughed together.



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